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## Global Packaging to Bring 64 Jobs to Richmond County

State Grant Helps Company Locate in Hamlet

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that Global Packaging, Inc., a manufacturer of consumer packaging materials, will locate a new manufacturing facility in Richmond County. The company plans to create 64 jobs and invest \$1.7 million during the next three years in Hamlet. The project was made possible in part by a \$64,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

"My number one priority is creating jobs, and not just in the big cities but throughout North Carolina," Gov. Perdue said. "Global Packaging's decision to locate in Hamlet is a testament to our nationally recognized business climate and our highly skilled workforce."

Pennsylvania based Global Packaging is a wide web flexographic printer. Global prints high-quality graphics on a variety of film-based substrates and converts the printed material into a bag or sells the roll stock products. Global Packaging will take over the recently closed Alpha Plastics facility in Hamlet. The new facility will manufacture the film product for internal use. In addition, Global will be installing printing and bag converting equipment.

Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual wage for the new jobs will be \$47,078 not including benefits. The Richmond County average annual wage is \$26,624.

"The Governor's Office and Richmond County have made us feel welcome and their efforts will help us be successful and create many jobs," said Global Packaging CEO Anthony J. Maginnis.

The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.